To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

I submit herewith my Annual Report for 1944 made to the Rural District Council of Godstone. It is in an abridged form in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J.R. BENTLEY.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1 9 4 5.

Council Offices,

Oxted, Surrey.

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TO THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
GODSTONE
THE LOCAL SANITARY AUTHORITY

I beg to submit herewith the abridged Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Godstone Rural District for 1944, compiled as instructed by the Ministry of Health.

SECTION 1.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area in acres: 52,507

Resident population as estimated by the Registrar General for the mid-year 1944: 27,420

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1944 according to the Rate Books: 8,109

Rateable Value: £306,389

Sum represented by a 1d rate : £1227:11:1d.

TABLE 1.

Parishes	Area in acres	Rateable Value 31st December 1944	Population at Census 1931 of Parishes as Reconstituted.
Bletchingley	5,813	£25,186	2,461
Burstow	4,750	£21,606	1,905
Chelsham	2,703	£11042	1,209
Crowhurst	2,119	£2,115	303
Godstone	5,670	£37,475	3,102
Horne	3,932	£9,212	852
Limpsfield	4,673	£48,073	3,167
Lingfield	9,239	£48,539	5,214
Nutfield	3,390	£21,905	2,030
Oxted	3,658	£63,460	3,799
Tandridge	3,267	£7,416	736
Tatsfield	1,304	£8,599	925
Titsey	1,989	£1,761	163
Totals	52,507	£306,389	25,866

VITAL STATISTICS
TABLE 2

		Total	Males	Females
Live Births	Legitimate	428	223	205
	Illegitimate	57	31	26

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population= 16.22

		Total	Males	Females
Still Births	Legitimate	13	7	6
	Illegitimate	0	0	0

Rate per 1,000 total births = 26.8
Deaths: Males 167 Females 163 Total 330
Death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population = 12.03
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child birth = 0
From other causes = 0

Death Rate of infants under one year of age:

		Total.	Males	Females
Actual Number	Legitimate	16	10	6
	Illegitimate	2	2	0

All infants per 1,000 live births = 36.14
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births = 37.38
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births = 35.08

Deaths from Measles (all ages) = 0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) = 0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) = 1.

CAUSES OF DEATH

TABLE 3

	Males	Females.
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0
Syphilis	1	0
Cerebro Haemorrhage, etc., Intra-cranial vascular lesions)	15	26
Influenza	1	2
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	2
Other tuberculosis	1	1
Cancer, malignant disease	32	21
Diabetes	0	3
Heart Disease	54	61
Other circulatory diseases	2	2
Bronchitis	4	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	9	8
Other respiratory diseases	2	2
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	0
Digestive Diseases	1	4
Appendicitis	2	1
Congenital Debility premature birth malformations, etc.,	10	3
Road traffic accidents	2	0
Suicide	1	1
other violence	6	8
Puerperal Diseases (not puerpeal sepsis	0	0
Other maternal Causes	0	0
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	0
Whooping Cough	0	0
Acute Chronic Nephritis	5	4
All other causes	16	13
	167	163

TABLE 4. S.D.55

Birth Rates, Civilians Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality Maternal Death Rates and Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1944.

Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns

	GODSTONE R.D.C.,	ENGLAND AND WALES	126 C.B's AND GREAT TOWNS INCLUDING LONDON	148 SMALLER TOWNS RESIDENT POPULATION 25,000 - 50,000 at 1931 Census	London Administrative County.
x Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population					
Births;-					
Live	16.2	17.6≠	20.3	20.9	15.0
Still	0.47	0.50≠	0.64	0.61	0.42
Deaths:-					
All Causes	12.03	11.6≠	13.7	12.4	15.7
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04
Diphtheria	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.01
Influenza	0.1	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.08
Smallpox	--	--	--	--	--
Measles	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
		Rates	per 1,000	Live Births	
Deaths under 1 year of Age	36	46≠	52	44	61
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	2.06	4.8	7.3	4.4	10.1

x A dash(-) signifies that there were no deaths
≠ Per 1,000 related births
≠ Rates per 1,000 Total population

	GODSTONE R.D.C.,	ENGLAND AND WALES	126 C.B's AND GREAT TOWNS INCLUDING LONDON.	148 SMALLER TOWNS RESIDENT POPULATION 25,000 - 50,000 AT 1931 CENSUS	LONDON ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY
	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Populations:-				
Notifications:-					
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0.00	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.06
Scarlet Fever	1.31	2.40	2.41	2.67	1.57
Whooping Cough	1.06	2.49	2.49	2.29	2.90
Diphtheria	0.43	0.58	0.67	0.69	0.31
Erysipelas	0.10	0.29	0.32	0.28	0.37
Smallpox	---	---	---	---	---
Measles	0.21	4.16	4.51	3.94	2.98
Pneumonia	0.29	0.97	1.13	0.82	0.93

Rates per 1,000 Total Births (live and still):-
(a) Notifications:-

Puerperal Fever	0.03	10.34	13.13	9.25	3.61
Puerperal Pyrexia					14.14 *

(b) Maternal Mortality - England and Wales:-

No.140 Abortion with Sepsis	No.141 Abortion without Sepsis	No.147 Puerperal Infections	Nos.142-6 148-150 Other
0.31	0.09	0.28	1.25

Abortion: Mortality per million women aged 15-45
England and Wales

No.140 With Sepsis	No.141 Without Sepsis.
25	7

* including Puerperal Fever

SECTION 2.

SANITARY INSPECTION

Annual Report by Mr.A.H.Sewell A.R.San. I., M.S.I.A.,

General Inspections	643
Re-inspections	386
Inspections under Housing Acts	70
Re-inspections	430
Drainage Inspections	120
Inspections of Slaughter Houses	20
Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds	421
Number of Samples of Milk (a) Satisfactory	82
(b) Unsatisfactory	35
(c) Biological Examination Negative	49
Inspections of Bakehouses	22
Inspections of Factories and Workshops	14
Inspections of Tents, Vans etc.,	16
Drains tested by water	6
Notices:	
(a) Informal	223
(b) Statutory	12
Complaints received	193
Samples of Drinking water tested	7
Samples of Drinking Water submitted for Bacterial and/or Chemical Analysis	35
Disinfestation of Premises	15
Complaints of Rat infestation received and investigated	99
Rat infestations dealt with by Public Health Department	67
Rat infestations referred to Military Authorities for necessary action	3

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SUMMARY OF REPAIRS

Carried out under the supervision of the Public Health Department during the year as a result of Notices served.

TABLE 6

Dirty Houses cleansed and limewashed	22
Houses to which:-	
Internal repairs to plaster, etc., executed	34
Ventilation and lighting improved	2
Defective windows repairs	22
Dampness in walls remedied	9
Dampness in floors remedied	2
Defective roofs repaired	29
Firegrates repaired or supplied	6
Cooking ranges repaired or supplied	13
Sinks repaired or supplied	1
Sink waste pipes repaired	5
Rain water pipes repaired	3
Eaves gutters provided and repaired	10
Floors repaired or relaid	9
Yard paving provided or repaired	1
Drains repaired	21
Drains laid	6
Choked drains opened and cleansed	23
Cesspools cleansed	49
New Sanitary dustbins provided	20
Flushings cisterns to W.C.'s repaired or supplied	5
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	36
Defective coppers repaired	1
Food Store provided or repaired	2
Cesspools abolished and drainage connected to sewer	2
Cesspools provided	1
Water service pipes repaired	3
Water service laid on	5
Overflow from cesspools cut off	1
Underfloor ventilations provided	3
Defective walls repaired	2
Staircases repaired	5
Defective chimneys repaired	4
Weather boards to doors provided	3
Pail closet structures repaired	2
W.C.pans provided	9
Verminous premises disinfested	15
New pail closets provided	3

W.C.structures repaired	6
Defective doors renewed and repaired	6
Overcrowding abated	2
Surface water drains provided	2

Dairies and Cowsheds

New or improved drainage provided	3
Floors improved or repaired	2
Yards improved	1
Light and ventilation improved	4
Cooling dairies improved	5
Accumulations of manure removed	7

SECTION 3.
HOUSING
TABLE 7

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	210
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	395
2. (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under subhead (1) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.	70
(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	112
3.	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
4.	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	68

2. Remedy of defects during the year without Service of formal Notices:

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its Officers	34

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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:

A. - Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 9

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(a) By Owners 7
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

B. - Proceedings under Public Health Act:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 3

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By Owners 3
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

C. - Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition orders were made Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition orders Nil

D. - Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. Nil

SECTION 4.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

There were 114 wholesale cowkeepers, 102 retail cowkeepers and 19 milk purveyors on the register on 31st December 1944

Of these 17 were licensed by the Surrey County Council as producers of Tuberculin Tested Milk and 70 as producers of Accredited Milk.

(b) Food found on inspection to be unfit for human consumption

Meat

Stewing steak	- 6lbs
Minced Beef loaf	- 17lbs
Chopped ham	- 4lbs
Luncheon roll	- 3½lbs
Ox tongue	- 6lbs
Spam	- 1lb
Lambs tongue	- 1lb
Pork Luncheon meat	- 15½lbs
Bacon-	- 48lbs
Meat Pies	- 28½lbs
Beef	- 63lbs
Liver	- 53 lbs
Imported beef	-1366½lbs
Pork Sausages	- 27lbs
Mutton	- 26lbs
Pig (complete)	- 1
Calf Carcase	- 108½lbs

Fish

Fresh fish	-1185lbs
Tinned fish	- 65lbs

Miscellaneous

Peanut butter	- 8lbs
Baking powder	- 7lbs
Sugar	-248¾lbs xx
Tinned milk	-157lbs
Butter	- 18lbs
Jam	- 20lbs
Plums	- 2½lbs
Soup	- 9lbs
Cakes	-120
Dried Beans	- 30lbs
Bread	- 22lbs
Dried fruit	- 17lbs
Biscuits	- 4lbs
Cheese	- 34lbs
Margarine	- 19lbs
Lard	- 48lbs
Semolina	- 30lbs
Tea	- 47lbs
Mixed fruit drops	- 7lbs
Oranges	- 20lbs
Chocolate bars	- 33
Figs	- 1¾cwts
Eggs	- 9
Golden syrup	- 4lbs

Vegetables

Cabbage	- 3600lbs
Peas	- 1tin
Sliced carrots	- 5lbs
Baked Beans	- 3½lbs
Split Peas	- 7lbs

Cereals

Rice	- 128lbs
Cornflakes	- 53lbs
Flour	- 150lbs

xxReturned to Wholesalers for processing.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

DURING the period JANUARY 1st. to DECEMBER 31st 1944 a total of 306 children were immunised, The numbers were made up as follows:-

Under 5 years.= 137	Estimated percentage of child population immunised = 64.7%
5 years to 15 years = 169	Estimated percentage of child population immunised = 49.7%

THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GODSTONE
SUMMARY OF INFESTATIONS DEALT WITH BY PRE-BAITING AND POISONING FROM-
APRIL 1944 to DECEMBER 1944.

REGISTER NUMBER /	TYPE OF PREMISES	PRE-BAITING MATERIAL	AMOUNT IN OUNCES LAID	AMOUNT IN OUNCES CONSUMED	POISON USED	AMOUNT IN OUNCES LAID	AMOUNT IN OUNCES CONSUMED	ESTIMATED NO. OF RATS KILLED	REMARKS
1	Sewage Disposal Works Nutfield	Sausage Rusk	240	220	Zinc Phosphide	48	40	300	Result satisfactory
2.	ditto Godstone	ditto	120	105	ditto	24	18	135	ditto
3.	Dwelling House	Bread Mash Sausage Rusk	24 16	20 12	Red Squill Zinc Phosphide	14 8	9 6	15 15	Not satisfactory but second application using Sausage rusk and Zinc Phosphide resulted in complete clearance
4	Ditto	Bread Mash	12	9	Red Squill	9	7	10	Satisfactory
5	Ditto	Ditto	64	51	ditto	20	16	26	ditto
6	Ditto	Ditto	64	48	ditto	20	12	20	ditto
7	Ditto	Ditto	72	31	Ditto	18	14	25	Ditto.
8	Ditto	Ditto	48	29	ditto	12	8	13	ditto
9	Ditto	Ditto Sausage-Rusk	24 8	16 7	ditto Zinc Phosphide	6 2	4 2	6 5	Infestation cleared
10	Ditto	Bread Mash	18	12	Red Squill	6	5	8	Satisfactory
11	Ditto	Sausage Rusk	32	24	Zinc Phosphide	8	6	15	ditto
12	Ditto	Ditto	32	22	Ditto	8	7	17	ditto
13	Ditto	Ditto	8	6	Ditto	2	1	5	ditto
14	Ditto	Ditto	8	7	Ditto	2	1	5	ditto
			790	619		207	156	620	Carried Forward.

REGISTER NUMBER	TYPE OF PREMISES	PRE-BAITING MATERIAL	AMOUNT OF OUNCES LAID	AMOUNT OF OUNCES CONSUMED	POISON USED	AMOUNT IN OUNCES LAID	AMOUNT IN OUNCES CONSUMED	ESTIMATED NO. OF RATS KILLED	REMARKS.
	BROUGHT FORWARD		790	619		207	156	620	
15	Dwelling House	Sausage Rusk	24	22	Zinc Phosphide	6	5	12	Satisfactory.
16	Food Premises	ditto	80	74	Red Squill	16	15	37	Satisfactory Result
17	Sewage Disposal Works Bletchingley	ditto	96	82	Zinc Phosphide	24	20	50	Satisfactory.
18	Hunt Kennels	Bread Mash	72	60	Red Squill	34	31	51	ditto
19	Dwelling House	Sausage Rusk	40	22	ditto	10	6	15	ditto
20	ditto	ditto	32	27	ditto	8	5	12	ditto
21	ditto	ditto	32	20	ditto	8	4	10	ditto
22	ditto	ditto	8	5	ditto	2	21	4	ditto
23	ditto	ditto	8	4	ditto	2	1	3	ditto
24	ditto	ditto	8	6	ditto	2	2	5	ditto
25	Business Premises	ditto	32	25	ditto	8	6	15	ditto
26	Dwelling House	ditto	8	3	ditto	2	1	2	ditto
27	ditto	ditto	40	31	ditto	10	7	16	ditto
28	ditto	ditto	40	22	ditto	10	5	12	ditto
29	ditto	ditto	32	19	Zinc Phosphide	8	4	10	ditto
30	Refuse Disposal Tip	ditto	192	118	ditto	48	42	105	Very Satisfactory
31	Dwelling House	ditto ditto	32 24	17 12	Red Squill Zinc Phosphide	8 6	3 4	8 10	Satisfactory
			1600	1188		419	338	997	

Carried Forward.

REGISTER NUMBER	TYPE OF PREMISES	PRE-BAITING MATERIAL	AMOUNT IN OUNCES LAID	AMOUNT IN OUNCES CONSUMED	POISON USED	AMOUNT IN OUNCES LAID	AMOUNT IN OUNCES CONSUMED	ESTIMATED NO. OF RATS KILLED	REMARKS
	BROUGHT FORWARD		1600	1188		419	338	997	
32	Dwelling House	Sausage Rusk	48	21	Red Squill	12	5	12	Satisfactory
33	ditto	ditto	32	20	ditto	8	3	7	ditto
34	ditto	ditto	48	16	ditto	12	8	20	ditto
35	Business Premises	Bread Mash	16	10	ditto	4	2	4	ditto
36	Dwelling House	Sausage Rusk	40	23	Zinc Phosphide	10	7	16	ditto
37	ditto	ditto	32	13	ditto	8	5	12	ditto
38	ditto	ditto	40	27	ditto	10	6	15	ditto
39	ditto	ditto	64	24	ditto	16	12	30	ditto
40	ditto	ditto	40	30	ditto	10	9	22	ditto
41	ditto	ditto	56	38	ditto	14	11	28	ditto
42	ditto	ditto	16	10	Red Squill	4	2	4	ditto
43	ditto	ditto	48	26	ditto	12	9	23	ditto
44	ditto	ditto	8	6	ditto	2	2	4	ditto
45	ditto	Mice infestation	20 traps	-	nil	-	-	5	ditto
46	ditto	Sausage Rusk	160	112	Zinc Phosphide	40	30	75	Very Satisfactory
47	Council House Estate	ditto	192	140	ditto	48	46	115	ditto
48	ditto	ditto	80	60	Red Squill	20	14	35	Satisfactory
			2540	1764		649	511	1424	

Carried Forward.

REGISTER NUMBER	TYPE OF PREMISES	PRE-BAITING MATERIAL	AMOUNT IN OUNCES LAID	AMOUNT IN OUNCES CONSUMED	POISON USED	AMOUNT IN OUNCES LAID	AMOUNT IN OUNCES CONSUMED	ESTIMATED NO. OF RATS KILLED	REMARKS.
	BROUGHT FORWARD		2540	1764		649	511	1424	
49	Dwelling House	Sausage Rusk	16	10	Red Squill	4	3	7	Satisfactory
50	ditto	ditto	40	20	ditto	10	8	20	ditto
51	ditto	ditto	48	36	ditto	12	9	23	ditto
52	ditto	ditto	96	72	ditto	24	20	50	ditto
53	ditto and poultry farm	ditto	90	69	ditto	18	15	35	Not very satisfactor these premises will be dealt with again after a general clean up
54	Dwelling House	ditto	32	34	ditto	8	6	15	Satisfactory
55	ditto	ditto	64	48	ditto	16	12	30	ditto
56	ditto	ditto	32	24	ditto	8	6	15	ditto
57	Sewage Disposal Works Bletchingley	ditto	192	144	ditto	48	40	100	ditto
58	Dwelling House	ditto	64	48	ditto	16	10	25	ditto
59	Sewage Disposal Works Godstone	ditto	180	120	ditto	40	30	75	ditto
60	Sewage Disposal Works Nutfield	ditto	96	72	ditto	24	20	50	ditto
			3440	2451		877	568	1869	

A.H.SEWELL
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.
DECEMBER, 1944